--Another application of the symbiotic computing systems of FIGs. 1 and 2 is that of video teleconferencing. Because the transmission of real-time video requires significant communication bandwidth, methodologies may be employed to create virtual video-images that consume significantly less communication bandwidth so that a computer network may be employed as a communication link. One such technique is described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/306,313, filed by Thomas W. Lynch on May 6, 1999, and hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. In the disclosed technique, a virtual video image of a user is created from a video image library (video image database) at one or more remote sites based upon cues gathered from the user. In a teleconferencing application, each attendee of the teleconference should be presented with an identical virtual video image of the user. Thus, according to the present invention, the virtual video image is designated as a managed resource and the computer of each attendee creating and displaying the video image of the user is made a symbiotic partner so that the images presented are identical.--

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 as follows:

(All pending claims in their current form are shown)